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Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

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Hilary Clark Michael Dillon Jr. Robert J. Hoey Jr. Connie A. Martin Wednesday, March 4, 2020 City Hall – Council Chamber 6:00 p.m.

Subcommittee Members Present:

Chairperson Connie Martin, Hilary Clark and

Jackie Doherty

School Committee Members Present:

Andy Descoteaux, Robert Hoey and Hilary Clark

School Department Personnel Present:

Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer

Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following agenda item was discussed:

1. Job Description - Career & Innovation Pathways Specialist

Ms. Doherty asked Ms. Desmond to address the Subcommittee. Ms. Desmond spoke about the proposed job description and stated that it was written into a small grant to help manage and support the deliverables. Ms. Desmond asked LZ Nunn, Project Learn to address the Subcommittee regarding the proposed job description and Project Learn's partnership. Ms. Nunn stated that they applied for competitive funding from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and they requested the maximum which was \$50,000. Through funding from Project Learn they were able to add up to an additional \$25,000 to support the position.

Ms. Doherty asked about it being a one (1) year grant.

Ms. Nunn stated that the grant ends in August.

Ms. Clark asked if there is a possibility to spend the grant money through August and then spend the Project Learn monies.

Ms. Nunn stated that the money ends from Project Learn in June 2020.

Ms. Desmond stated that is a very small grant with it only being \$50,000.

Ms. Clark stated that this sounds like a very important position and if successful we should look at possibly keeping this when budget time comes.

Ms. Doherty stated that she thinks there will be a need to continue this and we should have a plan in place to continue this with the contacts that have been established.

Ms. Martin stated that the person who used to do this should be included in this process. She stated that there is already someone at the high school that has these relationships with these companies.

Ms. Martin stated that the items that speak about assisting students should be removed in the posting as well that the position is temporary with no benefits and is not a full year.

Ms. Doherty stated that adjustments should be made to the grant.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept and approve the job description with the changes made; seconded by Ms. Clark. 3 yeas APPROVED

Ms. Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Clark. 3 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer for Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent and Secretary, Lowell School Committee

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